

CAA News

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Reunion Date and Place Are Set

It's official: The 2003 CAA reunion will be held at the Census Bureau on Friday, October 3. You have received or will receive an invitation and registration form. If you plan to attend, please send in your registration immediately, as we need to give a list of attendees to the security office before the event.

News From Alumni

[Thanks to all who wrote. Let's hear from the rest of you too. And please, if possible, send your contribution by e-mail to gmann928@hotmail.com.]

Irv Schreiner sent in the following: At the end of August I will have been retired for 5 years. During the past four tax seasons I have prepared tax returns for H&R Block. Except for the winter months, I try to play golf once a week.

This July my wife, younger daughter, and I spent a week in Newfoundland. My daughter has an Internet girl friend who lives in St. John's, and we decided we all three might enjoy a vacation in Newfoundland.

We highly recommend it.

Newfoundland is just beginning to get into the tourist trade. Everyone is very helpful and friendly. Signal Hill, which overlooks St. John's, is the site of Marconi's first transatlantic wireless signal reception in 1901. Not far from St. John's is Cape Spear, which is the easternmost point in North America.

While my daughter stayed with her friend, my wife and I traveled to Trinity and saw a play about the 1949 referendum when the "Newfies" voted to join Canada. Trinity is also the site where the movie *The Shipping News* was filmed. No trip to Newfoundland is complete without going out to sea to see puffins, whales, and possibly an iceberg—even in July. We also visited

Ferryland, where Lord Baltimore first tried to settle before winding up in Baltimore, MD.

If anyone is interested in traveling to Newfoundland, or in contacting me, they can e-mail me at irvschreiner@comcast.net or call me at 301-229-6279.

John Priebe says his nearly 2-year contract working part-time in Demographic Surveys Division has ended. He helped convert the Current Population Survey to the Industry and Occupation classifications used in the 2000 Decennial Census. These classifications differ significantly from those used in the 1990 Census.

Jerry Mann submitted the following report of a wonderful trip with Uniworld to Russia in July:

A friend and I flew to Moscow, where we boarded the riverboat which was to be our hotel and transportation for 14 days. During our 4-day stay in Moscow we visited the Kremlin and Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Tretyakov Art Gallery, Moscow University, and numerous other interesting sights. Our guide pointed out a statue of Comrade Lenin, who she said was pointing the way to Russia's future—except that there are 17 statues of Lenin in Moscow, and they all are pointing in different directions!

Then we began cruising up the Moscow Canal, the Volga River, and the Volga-Baltic Canal, stopping at several interesting towns along the way and cruising through the Onega Sea and the Ladoga Sea, the two largest lakes in Europe. Between Moscow and St. Petersburg we passed through 16 sets of locks. On our 11th day we docked in St. Petersburg for our final 4 days. St. Petersburg is certainly prettier and cleaner than Moscow. But during the entire trip, at every stop, we noticed many signs of infrastructure deterioration. And as in many other poor countries, there were plenty of beggars, pickpockets, and gypsies.

Our most impressive visits in St. Petersburg were to the Winter Palace and the Hermitage, a marvelous museum

that would require at least 2 weeks to cover thoroughly; and the Peterhof Palace, built by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. The Peterhof has beautiful formal gardens and cascade waterfalls, and a large park surrounding all. We also visited the village of Pushkin, named for the famed Russian poet, where we enjoyed a typical Russian lunch—including plenty of wine and vodka—at a very colorful restaurant. We also enjoyed an evening at the ballet, “Giselle.”

Throughout the trip, we ate a lot of cabbage and beets—the borscht was excellent! But we found that, on the ship, most vegetables and meats were overcooked, and desserts never included pastries. So instead of gaining 5 to 10 pounds as I usually do, I actually lost 1 pound! Russia certainly offers unique food, art, architecture, and language, and I would definitely recommend this trip.

Sallie E. Matthews, who retired from the Foreign Trade Division 26 years ago, is still enjoying her retirement in Washington, DC, though she says she has outlived most of the friends she worked with. She is active in community volunteer services, including AARP, civic associations, and her church. She enjoys bowling, traveling, gardening, and playing bridge, pinochle, and other games. She also enjoys visits with her two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Herman P. Miller, who admits to letting his CAA membership lapse for several years, says he hasn’t stirred from his Silver Spring home since retiring in 1972 except for a few overseas trips years ago. He operates a one-man corporation doing economic consulting. For the past 31 years he has been called to testify as an expert witness in court cases involving economic loss. (This career grew out of a pilot study of income distribution conducted by the Bureau in 1950.) However, he feels these assignments are coming to an end, because few attorneys are willing to rely on the word of an 82-year-old economist. He is, however, thankful for the opportunity to have worked with and learned from the many luminaries who were at the Bureau during the period 1946-1972.

Herman says he is well and still active, though he is lonely without his wife of 60 years, Elaine, who died last

year. But their marriage produced two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, with more great-grandchildren possible. He plays tennis three mornings a week with Danny Levine and two other retirees, and says that though the others are younger, he and Danny manage to hold their own.

Laureen Moyer, who retired in 2001, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church in June. She is serving part-time in the Nelson Cluster of Episcopal Churches in Jefferson County, WV (near Harpers Ferry). Laurie’s husband, Bob Moyer, a former Census employee, died of cancer on April 30, 2003 (see article under “Deaths”). Bob and Laurie have two adult children. Teresa is a historical archaeologist and is writing the administrative history of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Bob, Jr., is a computer visual artist. He started with Pixar in August as a technical director.

Joyce Brown writes, “It seems impossible that I have been gone from the Bureau for over 20 years. My husband, Bob, and I relocated to Decatur, Alabama (near Huntsville) and I have loved living here. Soon after I retired (August 1982), I went to work for three women here in Decatur who were opening a new real estate office. It started out as a “temporary” situation which lasted until January 2002, when I retired again.

Bob and I lunch out most days and we both read all of the time. Exercising is also a part of our day, and I can be seen walking early in the morning and late in the afternoon, while Bob prefers a workout at the health spa on these hot summer days. We have made some short trips (which we prefer), and the only long trips we plan are to North Carolina to visit my family over Thanksgiving and hopefully to Suitland for the reunion this year. We take short trips to the casinos in Mississippi and play the slots when the mood strikes. We especially like going to the coast, where we can also walk on the beaches in the mornings and afternoons and visit the casinos in the evenings.

I have stayed in touch with some close friends and Census retirees (Dave Warner and Virginia Calvert Fitzgerald are two). Our lifestyle is relaxed and we continue to be healthy and happy and truly enjoying our “retirement years.” My e-mail address is jbrown@hiwaay.net.

Ty Sturdevant was featured in an article in the Sun City, FL, paper headlined “SCC Man Stays Fit With Regular Exercise.” It described how Ty didn’t start running until he was 70, and now at 75 he has 11 gold medals to show for his efforts. This year he advanced to the 75- to 79-year-old bracket and won every race he entered. Subsequently, he won four gold medals in the Florida Sunshine State Games. Ty says, “I run everywhere—on the golf course, when I take out the garbage, no matter what I’m doing.” He also bowls, plays tennis and golf, in-line skates, swims and scuba dives. He and his wife Roberta have been married 51 years and they have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Election Results

You should have already received and returned your ballot to vote for officers of the CAA. Paula Schneider, chair of the nominating committee, and the other committee members will be counting the votes and certifying the results of this year’s election. The winners will be announced at the reunion and listed in the January issue of CAA News.

Robert E. White, CAA Board Member

This article continues the series of profiles of CAA board members.

Robert E. White retired from the Census Bureau on January 1, 1982, after 33 years of service. During that time he received four Outstanding and two Superior Performance awards. He was a customer representative supervisor in the Demographic Surveys Division, where he worked on the CPS and travel surveys. He was president of the board of directors of the Census Credit Union for 7 years, and was vice president for 3 years.

Bob has lived in his present home in the District of Columbia for 33 years, and he says it is a “quiet neighborhood with very good neighbors.” He is very active in the local civic association, and he has volunteered with the Meals On Wheels program since 1973. His hobbies are gardening and traveling.

He and his wife, Irene W. White, have traveled extensively, taking at least one cruise a year. Some of their favorite trips have been to Alaska, Belgium, and Germany, as well as the Caribbean. One of their most

exciting experiences was being caught in the Atlantic Ocean for 15 hours during Hurricane Edouard in 1996.

Irene was a section chief in the Computer Services Division. She also served on the first CAA board of directors. Bob and Irene have one son and one grandson, who live in Burtonsville, MD.

New Census Building

Construction will soon commence on the new headquarters building. You can read a description and see an artist’s conception at www.census.gov/alumni/newbldg.html.

DEATHS

[Please forward any obituaries of former Census Bureau employees you see in papers outside the DC area.]

Albert R. Ginsberg, 70, died of cardiac arrest May 2 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD. He had respiratory ailments associated with sleep apnea. He worked at the Bureau for 22 years and retired in 1994 as a computer programmer and system analyst in the Industry Division. Before moving to Silver Spring in 1972, he had been a programmer and system analyst for Systems Development Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Susan, and a daughter.

Kenneth R. Sausman, Jr., 57, died February 20 at Fair Oaks Hospital, Fairfax, VA. He was a supervisory mathematical statistician at the Census Bureau since 1976. Survivors include his mother, a sister, a niece, and twin grandnieces.

Scott Harrington died February 17. He worked in the Census Bureau’s National Processing Center since 1987 and had advanced to the position of budget analyst.

William (Glen) Page, Jr., 40, died March 3 of complications from myelofibrosis, a rare blood disorder. He began his career at the Census Bureau in 1987 as a mathematical statistician. While working at the Bureau, he earned a master’s degree in computer science from Virginia Tech. In 2001 he went to work for Mitre Corp. in McLean, VA. Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Betty Fong Page, and two children.

Maurice (Maury) Criz died March 14. He was a former assistant division chief in Governments Division, and he was an expert in public finance. Survivors include his wife, Gladys, three sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Nancy Kirby died June 3. She worked in the Security Office with Betty Henderson and retired prior to 1987. She was the mother of Kim Kirby, who works in the Mail Unit, and sister-in-law of Diane Wells of the Forms Branch.

Michelle Fox died in May 2003. She formerly worked in the Field Training and Career Development Office. No further details were provided.

Gertrude A. Whitehouse, 83, died of pneumonia June 4 at a nursing home in York, PA. She worked for 35 years at the Census Bureau and retired in 1976 as a branch chief. She moved to York after her husband, John, died in 1984. Survivors include a daughter, a brother, and a grandson.

Robert S. Moyer, who worked at the Census Bureau in the computer area until 1970, died April 30 of liver duct cancer. He fought the disease for a year. In the 2 years before his illness he renovated his home located north of Harpers Ferry, WV, making a beautiful place out of the neglected blight it was when he and Laurie (his wife of 33 years) bought it in 2000. He retired from the Navy (civilian) in 1999 after 33 years of government service.

Mary Booze Thompson, 90, died July 1 at a nursing home in Berkeley Springs, WV. She had dementia. She began her federal career as a statistician at the Census Bureau in 1940, and later worked for the Army Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She retired in 1971 from the National Institutes of Health. Her husband, Theodore, died in 1971. Survivors include a sister, a daughter, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and a great-great-grandson.

Whitney Shoemaker, 83, died of cancer July 29 on Hilton Head Island, SC. He was Chief of the Public Information Office in the 1960s. Before coming to the Bureau, he was a correspondent for AP in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington, then served as assistant to

the president of the Motion Picture Association of America. His last government job before retiring was as public affairs deputy at the Office of Management and Budget. Survivors include his wife, Muriel, a daughter, and a grandson.

Catherine (Keeley) Linebarger died July 10 in Tucson, AZ, after a 3-year battle with lung cancer. She started her career at the Census Bureau in 1983, where she worked in a variety of positions in FLD and in the Decennial area, before joining the Statistical Research Division in 1995, where she worked until her retirement in 2002. In SRD she participated in a wide variety of research projects, notably the use of vignettes to evaluate how respondents think about residence rules, behavior coding as a method of questionnaire evaluation, and development of the automated instruments used in the 2000 Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation Surveys. She was awarded the Bronze Medal in 2000 for this work. Cathy is survived by her husband John Linebarger, also a retired Census employee, as well as by three children and several grandchildren. John has suggested that, for anyone wishing to do so, contributions may be sent in Cathy's name to the American Cancer Society, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009 (please specify "for cancer research").

Second CAA Scholarship Awarded

For the second year, CAA has presented a check for \$1,000 to Suitland High School to help a deserving student. This is part of our association's outreach program to help maintain good relations between the Bureau and its surrounding community.

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Your contributions are welcome on any subject of interest to former Census Bureau employees, especially news of yourselves and your families. Please send contributions to gmann928@hotmail.com or to CAA, P.O. Box 1480, Suitland, MD 20752. (E-mail is